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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Handbooks for Troop Orientation

REFERENCES: Memorandum for Record, 4 May, same subject

1. [REDACTED] OIS, advised me today that FDD was not producing phrase books for DD/P as I had been advised by [REDACTED]. He said, however, that FDD worked on a job of producing phrase books for the Navy two or three years ago; that the production was not too good, inasmuch as FDD was not too interested in the assignment in the first place. [REDACTED] indicated no interest in the production of elementary area handbooks or phrase books.

2. I called [REDACTED] who said that he had been misinformed about FDD production of subject handbooks for DD/P and that he was now aware of the earlier production of phrase books for the Navy. His main concern (and also Amory's) was that the war planning for the DD/I area (NIS or FDD) anticipated whether or not military requirements would be levied for the production of phrase books and/or handbooks.

3. I advised [REDACTED] that I would check with the Cairns-Wetter office and ask them what Defense had done in this field, is doing, or plans to do. I have since so asked the Cairns-Wetter office which will advise me when they have the answer.

4. It is my opinion that the production of simple area handbooks and phrase books either at the platoon or soldier level would best be accomplished by writers hired by the military services. Such writers could, of course, have access to classified(including NIS) material.

5. Should Defense be presently producing such material I will obtain copies for [REDACTED] use.

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